

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Severe burn injuries are a leading cause of deaths and injuries in North America, especially among young children; and,

Whereas, Every year more than two million people suffer burn injuries of some kind. One in every three burn victims is a child; and,

Whereas, More than 75 percent of all burn injuries and deaths are preventable; and,

Whereas, The Shriners of North America operate four Shriners Hospitals for Children that specialize in providing expert, innovative pediatric care at no charge to children with burn injuries of all degrees; and,

Whereas, The Shriners of North America and Shriners Hospitals join with other burn facilities across the nation in recognizing the seriousness of this hazard and the urgent need to educate the public about burn prevention and fire safety; and,

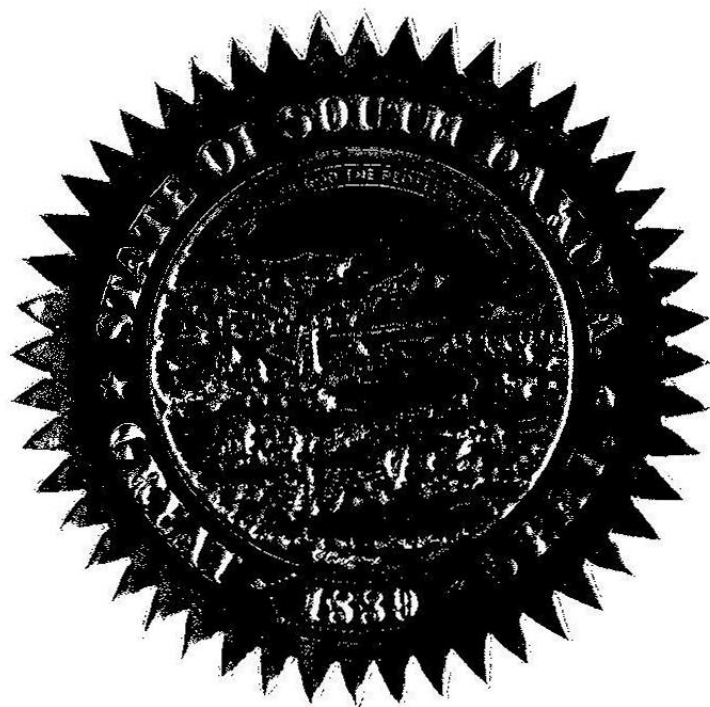
Whereas, It is fitting and appropriate to acknowledge the contributions of the Shriners of North America and to commend the Shriners for their continued support and care for young burn victims:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of February 4-10, 2007, as

BURN AWARENESS WEEK


in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-ninth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.




M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State